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are continuously tortured. Recently, Hoxha has taken new severe measures against prison escapees. These measures are especially severe in the Gjinokaster prison.

ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS IN BULGARIA -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 2 Aug 53

According to reports of Bulgarian refugees, eight workers were given the death penalty at Khaskovo because they instigated workers' uprisings and demonstrations. Also, many unemployed tobacco workers stood trial during May and July.

Bulgarian refugees have also reported that recently certain families from Dimitrovo were informed that their 60 close relatives, who were in prison had drowned while being taken into exile. However, it was learned that these prisoners were not drowned but were shot by order of Minister Anton Yugov.

At Rantomiski [unidentified], 120 persons were arrested because they were caught carrying arms. During the same week in that same area many party members were disarmed and a close watch was put on them.

At Dimitrovo about a month ago, 500 workers who did not meet their production quota were arrested and were sent to concentration camps.

According to the Bulgarian newspaper, Trud, three Bulgarians were given the death sentence and 64 others were sentenced to 10-30 years in prison because they stole a few okas [an oke equals 2.82 pounds] of wheat from cooperative farms.

NEW SECURITY BRANCH IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 27 Aug 53

Washington, 26 August (Turkish News Agency) -- According to secret reports reaching here, a secret "Partisan Branch" has been established within the Bulgarian DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation). The following men administer this new organization, which is under the direct control of Soviet specialists: Radenko Vidinski, Dragon Koritenski, and Mik. Nikolov.

BULGARIAN SABOTEURS ARRESTED -- Athens, Le Messager d'Athenes, 22 Aug 53

Numerous workers and peasants have recently been accused of sabotage and arrested. They have been sent to various forced-labor camps located at Tutra-kan in the province of Dobrudzha, the city of Nozharovo near the city of Tolbukhin, and to the new Kutsian camp in the Bobov Dol mining region.

COMMUNIST PURGES CONTINUED IN POLAND -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 16 Aug 53

According to reliable information, the secret purges of Beriya's followers in Poland are being continued on a broader scale. Recently, it was reported that Stanislaw Radkiewicz, Minister of Public Security, and one of Beriya's followers, has not been seen in public. According to the same reports, Radkiewicz did not make an appearance during the Polish holiday [Holiday of the Rebirth of Poland, 22 July?].

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RUMANIANS GIVE UP HOMES TO SOVIET SETTLERS -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 14 Aug 53

Bonn, 13 August (Turkish News Agency) -- According to reports received by a German newspaper from reliable sources, a Rumanian delegation has visited East Berlin where it discussed the problem of settling about 200,000 Rumanians from Transylvania in East Germany in homes deserted by people who have fled to West Germany. It is believed that Rumanians from the Dobruja will then be settled in Transylvania, while Russians will be settled in the Dobruja.

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